

Mission and vision execution requires full responsibility and accountability

Ministries and state and regional chief ministers have to report on measures in border regions to the Union government in time to seek directives and aid from the State.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the seventh meeting of the Union government yesterday.

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that ministries have to implement missions and visions successfully, emphasizing significant measures of national plans.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the Union government meeting 7/2024 at the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General highlighted that emphasis must be placed on the implementation

of missions and visions step by step, with full responsibility and accountability for the achievement of assigned duties.

He stressed that the census collection and other preparations aim to hold an election successfully with a systematic plan.

He continued that population and household census must be enumerated as a national cause, and arrangements are being made to collect the census in the remaining areas on the security ground.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the Union government meeting 7/2024

1. Missions and visions must be implemented step by step, with full responsibility and accountability to obtain achievement.
2. The census collection and other preparations aim to hold an election successfully with a systematic plan.
3. The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition aims to preserve Myanmar's traditional cultural heritage and ensure its continuity for future generations.
4. Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay regions have to lead the operation of cotton industries to supply threads to textile industries in all states and regions.

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Citizens yet to be counted in Nationwide Census to be reassessed



- The 2024 Nationwide Census activities were conducted from 1 to 15 October.
- The people who have not completed census processes due to various reasons can contact the relevant ward and village census committees and township census committees to collect census data again.
- Individuals can also contact 067 431062, 067 431359, 067 431067, 067 431339. — Central Census Commission

Leveraging Agricultural Strength for Export Growth through Nationwide Collaboration

OUR country has a strong foundation for successfully operating agricultural and livestock activities and is strategically positioned to export these products based on market demand.

Collaboration among all departmental officials and citizens is essential for the development of agriculture and livestock farms.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Shan State government and regional- and district-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of Dr Thauang Naing Oo as Director-General of the Forest Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation after a one-year probationary period.

1 special criminal appeal case passed judgement; 5 special civil appeal cases heard

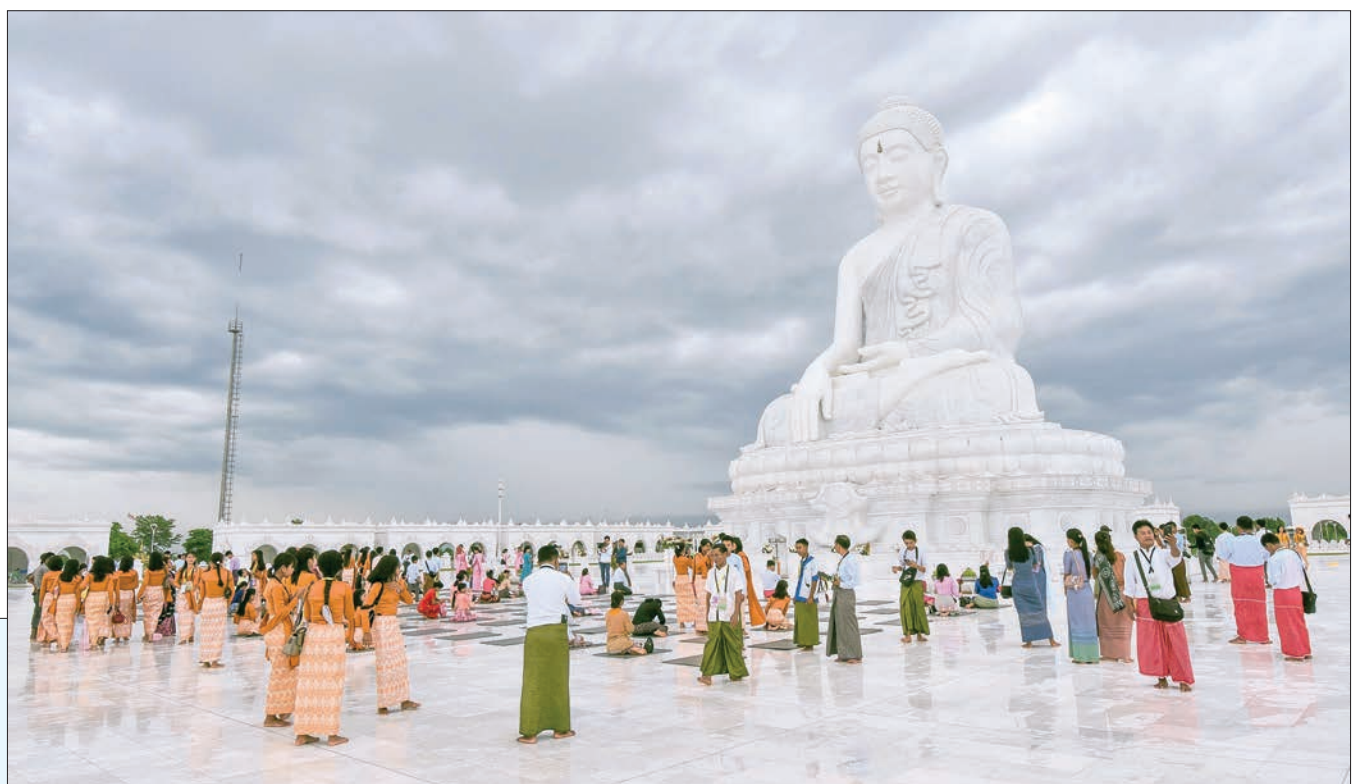
A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thauang Naing, U Thein Ko Ko, Daw Pyone Pyone Aye and Dr Ko Ko Naing was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for one special criminal appeal case No 3/2024 (Mandalay), and five special civil appeal cases: No 53/2024 (Yangon), 57/2024 (Taninthayi), 66/2024 (Taninthayi), 67/2024 (Taninthayi) and 69/2024 (Magway) were heard. — MNA

25th Anniversary Performing Arts participants visit Maravijaya, Uppātasanti Pagoda

CONTESTANTS of the Silver Jubilee Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition, organizers, and officials from various states and regions visited the Maravijaya Buddha Image, the world's most giant sitting Buddha statue, located in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. They offered donations and visited religious edifices and stone inscriptions.

They also visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay homage and made further donations. They also explored the white elephant protection park and offered feed to white elephants.

Furthermore, they visited the Junction Centre (Nay Pyi Taw) and the Ottarathiri Ocean Super Centre to purchase commemorative gifts and souvenirs. — MNA/TMT



Contenders of the Silver Jubilee Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition worship the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

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Concerning the recent flash floods, the Senior General recounted that the recent flash floods have killed 444 persons in addition to animals, destroying homes and buildings, roads and bridges, vehicles and machinery, acknowledging relief and rehabilitation efforts of well-wishers and charity organizations.

He disclosed that cash donations of public participation amounted to more than K53 billion to rehabilitate flood-affected areas. He recognized the aid of well-wishers in individuals and groups.

In the culture sector, the Senior General noted that the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition aims to preserve Myanmar's traditional cultural heritage and ensure its continuity for future generations.

He instructed ministries and regional and state chief ministers to report on measures in border regions to the Union government in time. Then, the State would be able to give necessary directives or fulfil necessary requirements.

He stressed the need to efficiently utilize the sound foundations of the nation to manufacture products based on agriculture and livestock farming tasks. He added that better techniques from foreign countries are needed to operate agriculture and livestock farms successfully.

The Senior General underlined that it would provide opportunities and technology to businesspersons to operate the manufacturing sector based on timber, bamboo, rattan, and other forest products aimed at producing export commodities.

In the fishery sector, he instructed officials to allow offshore and onshore fishery under discipline and encourage shrimp farming tasks to be developed in order to increase the export volume of marine products.

In the cotton production sector, he emphasized that Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay regions have to lead the operation of industries based on cotton so as to supply threads to textile industries in all regions and states while reducing the import volume of textiles and fabrics.

In the education sector, the Senior General pointed out that at a time when basic education schools which were temporarily closed due to natural disasters will be opened, efforts must be made to keep the schools neat and tidy. Teachers need to teach students during

after-school classes to complete the texts.

The Senior General urged all to create clean and beautiful tourist destinations with flowery scenes in regions and states in order to attract homegrown and international travellers.

Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, and chief ministers of regions and states reported on undertakings in education, health, agriculture, and manufacturing industries in their areas.

Also present at the meeting were SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union ministers, Union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, the chief minister of Chin State and officials together with region and state chief ministers through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA

Opening for People's Military Service training held at respective commands

THE opening ceremonies for the People's Military Service Training Course No 6 were held at various military commands yesterday. Citizens who met the necessary qualifications attended training depots in their respective regions to participate in this course.

The ceremonies were attended by the chairperson of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, chief ministers from various regions and states, commanders of the respective commands, and other officials. Trainees were presented with cash awards and essential items for recruits and offered

encouragement and support.

The People's Military Service Law, which was enacted on 10 February 2024, established these military training courses to support our three main national causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity, and Perpetuation of sovereignty. The first intake commenced on 8 April 2024, and the sixth intake is now underway. Those who have completed the People's Military Training are currently serving in various military units, fulfilling their responsibilities for national defence and security. — MNA/TMT



This picture shows newly conscripted trainees lining up for the opening of People's Military Service Training Course No 6 yesterday.

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Myanmar, Laos vow to deepen cooperation in labour affairs

THE Labour Ministers' Meeting between Laos and Myanmar was held at Crowne Plaza Hotel in Vientiane, Laos, yesterday.

It was attended by Union Minister for Labour U Myint Naung, the director-general and officials of the Department of Labour Relations, Minister of Labour and Social Welfare of Lao PDR Madame Baykham Khattiya and relevant officials.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister highlighted the role of migrant workers as a workforce resource of a nation and participants in developing economy and social status of their native country and host

countries, and MoU to set fundamental principles and practices for labour affairs to contribute to cooperation between two countries in upgrading skills of labour, employment, social security, labour protection and technological sectors, especially in labour affairs.

Then, during the sharing session on Myanmar labour affairs and socioeconomic development, the Union minister explained the priority given to State stability and development while conducting democratic transition processes in Myanmar, efforts to promote agriculture, manufacturing and



Laos and Myanmar Ministers sign a Memorandum of Understanding for labour cooperation yesterday in Laos.

service sectors, enactment of the Overseas Employment Law and plans to amend the law, first and second five-year Myanmar National Plan of Action on Inter-

national Labour Migration and appointment of labour attachés in South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia and Japan to assist the Myanmar migrant workers.

The two Ministers also exchanged views on bilateral cooperation and signed the MoU on labour cooperation between the two countries. — MNA/KTZH

Tree-planting ceremony for Myanmar-Russian FAM Trip

DEPUTY Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe attended a tree-planting ceremony for Myanmar-Russian Tourism Person Familiarization Trip (FAM Trip) persons in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

After the ceremony, the Deputy Minister met with the representatives of the Myanmar-Russian Tourism Person Familiarization Trip (FAM Trip).

During the meeting, he discussed the plans to arrange proper tours to facilitate the Russian tourists as the dry season will start soon in Myanmar, widely present the destinations of Myanmar via famous Russian news media in addition to Facebook pages, and exchange information regarding sports and adventurous trips with the



The commemorative group photo of the Myanmar-Russian FAM Trip at the tree-growing event yesterday.

experts of two countries.

Then, the officials of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation and Space Travel Agency discussed cooperation in the tourism sector, holding of workshops, arrangements for long-stay of Russian athletes

in Myanmar during Russia's winter, payment system and health insurance for Russian tourists, and proper assistance to facilitate the visit of Russian travellers to Myanmar. — MNA/KTZH



The Myanmar Academy Awarding Ceremony being celebrated in the previous year.

Experts invited for academy award assessment

FOR selecting 2024 Academy award winners, Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization has invited experts in an announcement dated 21 October to join its judge panel, in order to get expertise and non-biased evaluation.

Myanmar Academy Awarding Ceremony 1952 was first held in 1953 and assessment has been done by the movie in-

dustry's professional artistes only since 2012.

Academy award winners, those who haven't received award, but who have at least 10 years experience in movie industry, those who are committed to deciding impartially and those who have time for watching movies and in good health, are invited for the judge panel. — MT/ZS

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25 river water pumping projects irrigate 24,518 acres of Yangon farmland



Photos show one of the 25 river water pumping project sites. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN**

A total of 25 river water pumping projects successfully provide water to 24,518 acres of farmland in Yangon Region. The plantation of paddy and edible oil crops is expanded in Yangon Region, and the Agriculture Department replanted the damaged monsoon paddy by cooperating with the farmers to meet the estimated acres by overcoming the flooding under the guidance of the government. Moreover, the Irrigation and Water Utilization

Management Department also conducts field studies to replant the flood-destroyed monsoon paddy and ensure that all the monsoon fields in regions and states are in proper condition.

The farmers have to rely on the river pumping system for summer paddy, and the sufficient water supply can encourage the farmers to expand the edible oil crops in addition to summer paddy and sunflower plantations.

The river pumping projects

such as Aikalaung, Alaboke, Thabyaytan, Tawlati, Taungyatzeegon, Yaypawthaung, Kyogon, Gwaytanshay, Kyunngu, Kankalay, Myaungtagar, Sangyiwa, Balar 1, Balar 2, Malit, Yaykyaw, Sitbin, Sinphone, Ngwenantha, Ngamoeyeik, Letpan, Yemon, Khayanchaung, Kamakalu and Kyontu in Taikkyi, Htantabin, Hmawby, Mingaladon, Hlegu, Thanlyin and Thongwa townships supply water to 24,518 acres of farmland. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

MNA's new domestic flights linking Yangon, Pathein, NyaungU, and Mandalay

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) has announced the launch of new domestic flights connecting Yangon, Pathein, NyaungU, and Mandalay.

The Yangon-Pathein-NyaungU-Mandalay flight will operate every Sunday, while the Mandalay-NyaungU-Pathein-Yangon flight will run every Monday.

Flight UB-151 on the Yangon-Pathein-NyaungU-Mandalay route will depart from Yangon at 6:30 am every Sunday, arriving in Pathein at 7:10 am. It will then leave Pathein at 7:25 am, reach NyaungU at 9:10 am, depart from NyaungU at 9:25 am, and arrive in Mandalay at 10 am.

Meanwhile, flight UB-152 on the Mandalay-NyaungU-Pathein-Yangon route will leave Mandalay at 3 pm every Monday, arriving in NyaungU at 3:35 pm. It will depart from NyaungU at 3:50 pm, come to Pathein at 5:35 pm, leave Pathein at 5:50 pm, and reach Yangon at 6:30 pm.

These flights will be operated using ATR 72-600 aircraft. Ticket prices are set at K160,000 for the Yangon-Pathein route, K280,000 for Pathein to NyaungU, K200,000 for Mandalay to NyaungU, and K290,000 for the Yangon-NyaungU route. — Arkar Lin/TRKM



An aircraft of the Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) fleet.

Ngwehsaung Beach draws thousands during Thadingyut

OVER 16,000 visitors flocked to Ngwehsaung Beach in Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, during four days (from 16 to 19 October) of the Thadingyut holidays.

Ngwehsaung Beach attracted a huge turnout of travellers, comprising over 15,400 home-grown visitors and 710 tourists in the past four days.

In a bid to entice thousands of visitors to Ngwehsaung Beach,

the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has been conducting hospitality training, foreign languages courses and work coordination meetings on the recreational quality of Ngwehsaung Beach, together with related departments, hoteliers engaged in the Ngwehsaung hotel zone and relevant institutions. — Kyaw Lin Oo (IPRD)/KK



Beachgoers enjoying the water at Ngwehsaung Beach during the Thadingyut holidays.

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Over 100,000 visit Taungthaman Bridge, Lake during Thadingyut holiday



This photo captures visitors at the Taungthaman Bridge and Lake during the Thadingyut Festival.

ACCORDING to U Soe Win, secretary of the bridge maintenance team, Taungthaman Bridge and Taungthaman Lake in Mandalay Region attracted over 100,000 visitors, both local and international, during the Thadingyut holiday. This popular destination draws many tourists from Myanmar and abroad, especially from Thailand, Vietnam, and Korea.

“This year has seen more visitors than usual, partly because the holiday fell on a weekend, encouraging more people to travel from nearby and distant locations. With the lake full of water, many people come to Taungthaman Bridge to enjoy the beautiful evening views. In the evenings, there are also many boat riders. The recreation camp at Taungthaman’s Madhuca plain has

become a popular spot for those looking to relax. During weekends, we see between 50,000 and 100,000 visitors, and over 100,000 people come to enjoy the full moon,” said U Soe Win.

Travellers from Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Taunggyi, and Yangon frequently visit the area, adding to the influx of international tourists. — ASH/MKKS

Aung Min Khant returns to acting with new film release in Oct

A new film starring Aung Min Khant, who has been away from acting for an extended period and is currently abroad, will be released in October.

The film ‘Ma Ye Aye Khe Thwar Kya Thu Myar’ is produced by Yadana Kyaw Soe Production. Arkar penned the story, with the screenplay written by Moe Ni Lwin, and Thiha Kyaw Soe directed it.

The cast includes Aung Min Khant, Okkar Min Maung, Htoo Aung, Kaung Sitt Thway, Chaw Kalya, and other supporting actors. — ASH/TKO



This image depicts a poster of ‘Ma Ye Aye Khe Thwar Kya Thu Myar’.

Izana Art Gallery hosts ‘Sweet October’ group art exhibition



This photo showcases the audience enjoying the ‘Sweet October’ art exhibition.

ACCORDING to Izana Art Gallery, it is hosting a group art exhibition titled ‘Sweet October’, featuring the works of eleven artists from 19 to 23 October.

The gallery, located in Pazundaung Township, Yangon, will showcase over 70 pieces by artists such as Han Sein, Zaw Win, Nyunt Naing Hla, Htun Lwin, Nyi Nyi Than, Maung Tun Tint, Zaw Thura Win, Ma Nwe Lay, Mya Eindra Mon, and Thiri

Paing Zaw.

A curator remarked, “Eleven artists are participating in the exhibition. Visitors will be able to enjoy the unique perspectives reflected in their creations.”

The exhibition will display a variety of paintings in different sizes, including 24 by 24 inches, 36 by 24 inches, 18 by 24 inches, and 18 by 18 inches. — ASH/TRKM

Alotawpyae Sayadaw, artistes donate cash and kind to South Dagon families in need

ON 20 October, Venerable Alotawpyae Sayadaw (Yangon) and several artistes distributed food and financial assistance to 40 families in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region, who are facing financial challenges, according to actress Myo Sandi Kyaw, who participated in the donation.

The donations included essential items such as rice, eggs, onions, and garlic, along with K5,000 in cash for each family. These contributions benefited nearly 200 individuals from Ward 51 in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

Myo Sandi Kyaw explained, “Led by Venerable Alotawpyae Sayadaw and supported by contributions from fellow artistes and benefactors from Thailand and Malaysia, we provided each household with three Pyi of rice, eggs, onions, and K5,000. This initiative was aimed at helping those in need.”

The donation event saw participation from prominent artistes including Ye Aung, Naing Lu, Aung Gyi, Myo Sandi Kyaw, beauty queen Thandar, and singer Kay Thi Nwe. The total value of the contributions was approximately 5 million kyats.

Similarly, on 18 October, donations were made to 600 monks from monasteries in Tamway and Thingangyun Townships. The recipients included 500 young monks and 100 nuns, who were offered rice, oil, noodles, salt, soap, toothpaste, drinks, snacks, and various vegetables. Additionally, 200 trishaw drivers in Tamway Township also received food, oil, and rice. — ASH/TMT



This photo showcases actress Myo Sandi Kyaw providing rice and cash to needy families.

CBM to inject \$35M to fuel oil, edible oil sectors

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) is set to sell US\$35 million for those engaged in the fuel oil and edible oil sectors, according to its notification dated 20 October.

CBM injected \$6 million and 200 million Thai baht on 15 October, \$730,000 on 11 October, \$12.4 million and 38.7 million baht on 10 October, 660,000 yuan on 9 October and over 10 million baht on 7 October into the private sector.

CBM also pumped \$13.1 million and 288,000 yuan on 4 Octo-

ber, \$780,000, 1.2 million yuan and one million baht on 3 October and over 1.2 million yuan and 10.2 million baht into the financial market on 2 October.

CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's noti-



The head office of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

ication on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to

manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online

foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

YGN palm oil wholesale reference rate heads for three-week low



Palm oil plastic bottles for sale in the market.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market continued to slip at K6,265 per viss this week ending 27 October, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The figures declined from K6,355 per viss recorded last week ending 20 October and K6,455 in the week ending 13 October,

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in

Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil every week.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not

to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook Page of the Department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

MGMA to offer Basic Sewing Machine Operator Training Course Batch 245

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will conduct a Basic Motorized Sewing Machine Operator Training Course (Batch 245) from 28 October to 15 November 2024 at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC) in Insein Township.

The course will provide practical and technical approaches to sewing machines,

different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

This training will also help those hunting jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with the garment factories to occupy job opportunities.

Those who wish to attend the training can enrol through the contact numbers of MGHRDC at 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794 and 09 952802635. — NN/KK



Trainees are pictured during a practical session.

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OPINION

Overcome challenges posed by negative impacts of illegal trade

ACCORDING to a survey conducted by the World Economic Forum, illegal trade accounts for 5-15 per cent of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), leading to severe consequences for the world economy. To date, no country has successfully eradicated illegal trade, so nations are seeking separate ways and means to combat the trafficking of narcotic drugs, arms, and ammunition, as well as to fight money laundering.

This is because if a single approach were applied, legal actions could impact those who follow proper regulations in legitimate trade. Moreover, such an approach could create difficulties for the relevant country in competing for market share. Currently, the

government of Myanmar is focusing on eradicating illegal trade for the benefit of the people, aiming to stabilize commodity prices and promote legal trade and businesses to capture market share.

Illegal trade poses dangers to all sectors. Infectious diseases linked to illicit trade activities can devastate agriculture and livestock farms domestically. Furthermore, counterfeit medications and cosmetics may cause harmful side effects in the health sector. In addition, low-quality and fake household electronic equipment can expose users to fire hazards.

On the other hand, the import of low-quality illegal goods without paying taxes fuels the black market and contributes to the circulation of foreign exchange. In addition, engaging in unlawful trade allows trade partner countries to manipulate the prices of goods at will. Moreover, the rise of illegal trade can disrupt the stability of commodity prices in the domestic market.

In fact, illegal trade brings serious consequences. Legal businesses cannot compete with the lower prices of illegally imported and smuggled goods in the domestic market. As legal trade and businesses lose market share, it becomes difficult for business owners to maintain their standing in the long run. As a result, they face a downturn in business activity and lose the motivation to expand. Eventually, domestic manufacturing could come to a halt, which would harm the State's economic objectives and affect its capabilities in agriculture, manufacturing, and trade sectors.

Among the many root causes of illegal trade, the country primarily faces the challenge of restrictions in monitoring certain borders due to security concerns. Moreover, legal measures to combat the illicit trade are weak, and insufficient staff is assigned to its eradication. Unfortunately, some public officials engage in malpractice and corruption driven by bribery. As such, local authorities and task forces must address these issues as effectively as possible.

What and How are Learning Activities?

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

THE saying 'Learning by doing' is still very popular in today's educational world. In fact, learning activities such as reading an article, watching a film, taking notes on a teacher's lecture, writing an essay, researching a topic in the library, and leading a class discussion are experiences designed to involve students in thinking about and using subject matter in the simple reason that specific facts, generalizations, and concepts do not encourage students to think or develop social and academic skills. Learning objectives are primarily achieved by how the primary content is translated into learnable tasks for students in the classroom, in other words, by the kinds of learning activities in which the teacher engages his students. All these activities represent things that can be done by students without teachers, appropriately depending on the intellectual and emotional development of the students involved, the nature of the subject matter, and the objectives that the teacher and students want to attain.

There are many factors that a teacher should take into account when designing learning activities. Each learning activity must serve a specific objective; otherwise, it will be merely busy work. Learning activities have to be planned for further multiple objectives. They need to be open-ended so that they can encourage a variety of

responses differing in quality and quantity. The learning activities ought to help students learn how to find answers for themselves rather than provide the answers. They had better proceed from the simple, concrete and specific to the more complex and abstract. Also, those activities will enable students to apply what they have learned in some situations to other new and different ones. Lastly, they served various functions best.

Learning activities are of four categories. Firstly, intake activities are essential for students since they must have information to work with or think about before they can be expected to engage in intelligent action. For example, reading books, articles, magazines, newspapers or advertisements; observing experiments, films, pictures, drawings or television; listening to lectures, records, discussions or the radio; touching objects, nature or the environment; interviewing parents or other adults; and tasting foods or liquids. Secondly, organizational activities help students to draw the material to which they have been imposed. For example, note-taking, arranging, graphing, mapping, writing, summarising, experimenting, identifying, question-asking and answering. Thirdly, demonstrative activities make students show what they have learned so as to display the skills they possess and prove how

well they can think. For example, discussing, writing, describing, applying, reporting, analyzing, and question asking. Finally, expressive activities encourage students to illustrate themselves by creating or producing an original product, for example, solving, inventing newly used things, composing poetry, writing essays, painting, discussing, and role-playing. In too many classrooms, students are encouraged, for the most part, to participate in the same kind of learning activities every day. They listen to teachers talk, read, and write. However, different students learn in diverse ways. All four types of activities are necessary if learning is to take place.

If students are to take part successfully in learning activities, they will need to master a wide range of skills that will help them learn. Such skills fall into three categories, namely academic skills, social skills, and thinking skills. Academic skills include reading, viewing, listening, outlining, note-taking, caption-writing, making charts, reading and interpreting maps, diagramming, tabulating, constructing timelines, and asking relevant questions. For instance, on reading and interpreting maps, finding places on a map, determining distance on a map, using a map to locate places, using simple terms of direction, using a map key and scale, interpreting the information found on different



Successful participation in learning activities demands mastery of academic, social, and thinking skills, including observation, comparison, concept development, and hypothesis formulation, ensuring a comprehensive educational experience. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY

sorts of maps; construct a simple map; compare and contrast the information to be found on two maps of the same area. Social skills include planning with others, participating in research projects, participating productively in group discussions, responding courteously to the questions of others, leading group discussions, acting responsibly, and helping others. For instance, when participating in research projects, make a committee effort to research a problem of common concern or work in small groups of two or three to investi-

gate a particular topic.

Thinking skills include the following.

- 1) Observing: Students must be brought into contact with data before they can do anything with it, getting opportunities to read, view, taste, hear, feel, smell, touch or participate. The teacher makes students involved in as many kinds of experiences as possible, offering a focus, not the structure, that the students are expected to observe.
- 2) Describing: Once students

have been motivated to engage in experiences, they must be encountered or asked to describe the characteristics which they have observed, where care should be taken to ensure that the students report their own rather than the teacher's perceptions.

3) Comparing and contrasting: Students cannot understand objects, ideas, events and so on clearly unless they are able to compare and contrast these phenomena in terms of similarities and differences. To do so, the teacher can ask them to study similar aspects

of previously unrelated content and then ask identical questions about this content.

4) Developing concepts: Students form concepts from different observations or identifications being sorted into a meaningful set of categories so as to make some sense of order or pattern out of diversity, identify the common characteristics of the items in a group, label the groups they have formed, subsume additional items that they have listed under those labels and recombine items to form new groups.

5) Differentiating and defining: Students determine what attributes or characteristics they need to look for in order to decide whether particular examples are or are not instances of a concept. To broaden and deepen a student's understanding of a concept, examples that contain new attributes not included in the original definition must be presented by asking them to compare these new examples with the ones they knew already.

6) Generalizing: Students suggest a relationship among several concepts, especially for warranted suggestions, looking at two or more different samples of content, explaining the data they have obtained and generalizing through carefully thought-out or sequenced questions.

7) Predicting and explaining: Students state reasons for various

occurrences, making inferences based on their application of an idea they have previously formed as to what might happen in a new situation and explaining why they think this would happen.

8) Hypothesizing: A hypothesis is a prediction offered in order to provide a basis for further investigation or a key ingredient in the development of insights or central in the process of reflective thinking or investigating a problem in which students are interested.

9) Offering alternatives: Teachers offer alternative suggestions or possibilities in the foregoing strategies.

Of course, learning activities do nothing but more than a simple teaching-learning process. Theoretically speaking, students are interested in their studies only when they find them essential to their future education, and the educational objectives established will come to an end only if students think they need their studies for any reason. Herein, learning activities play a fundamental role in drawing students' attention to their studies and achieving the successful accomplishment of an education system. Out of the diverse learning styles students tend to have, they are given to do well in their studies more than usual with the help of learning activities, that is, bodily-kinesthetic learning style. So, let's learn by doing only as much as possible.

Over 1 million Japanese affected by concussions not shown in CT scans

Matsuda began confusing job orders and became irritable, resulting in the loss of long-term friendships. He is among 1.35 million people in Japan suffering from mild traumatic brain injury (MTBI), often from car accidents or sports injuries.

LAST March, Satoshi Matsuda's car was rear-ended while he sat inside waiting at a traffic light. Immediately afterward, he recalled feelings of dizziness and nausea.

After the accident, the man, a 65-year-old carpenter from Hiroshima in western Japan, began confusing his job orders

and became increasingly irritable about everything. He has ended relationships with long-time friends due to his persistent health condition.

Matsuda (not his real name) is one of some 1.35 million people in Japan who suffer from mild traumatic brain injury or MTBI, most commonly manifesting as

concussion. Symptoms include memory loss, dizziness, sensory sensitivity, difficulty with thinking, and mood swings, among others.

Many of the patients typically experience whiplash in car accidents or from sports injuries, resulting in the symptoms of higher brain dysfunction without

proper treatment or compensation since their injuries are too small to detect in MRIs and CT scans.

But a legal defence team formed in Hiroshima by volunteer lawyers and local specialists is now raising awareness about the problem in order to help patients struggling with the illness.

According to Hiroshi Udo, director of the Yuwa Clinic in Hiroshima and chairman of the Japanese Society for New Meridian Medicine, MTBI occurs when nerve fibers in the brain are damaged due to head impacts from rear-end collisions and other external injuries.

SOURCE: Kyodo



Photo taken on 27 August 2024 of lawyer Kaori Hirata (R) and Hiroshi Udo, president of the Japanese Society for New Meridian Medicine, holding a book they published on mild traumatic brain injury, in Hiroshima, western Japan. PHOTO: KYODO

NATIONAL

Well Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (18:00) hours MST on 21-10-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (16:30) hrs MST today, the low-pressure area over Eastcentral Bay of Bangel and adjoin North Andaman Sea has moved west-northwest and intensified into a Well Marked Low-Pressure Area over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. It is likely to continue to move west-northwestwards and may intensify into a Depression around 22-10-2024 and into a Cyclonic storm over Eastcentral Bay around 23-10-2024 and may reach to Northwest Bay of Bengal (off Odisha-West Bengal Coasts,

India). Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards and intensify into a severe Cyclonic Strom and may cross north Odisha and West Bengal coasts between Puri and Sagar Island in early morning 25 October 2024.

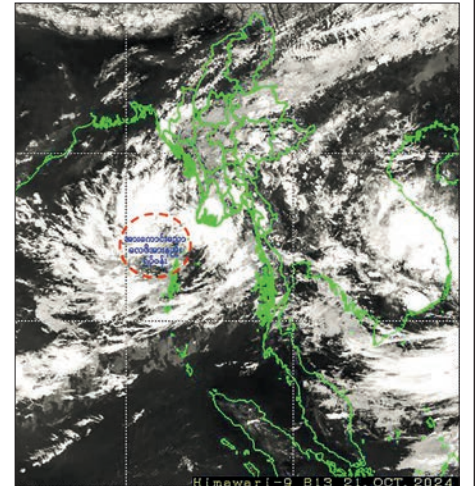
Due to the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and, Mon States with

likelihood of regionally heavyfalls, isolated heavyfalls and strong winds from tonight up to 24 October 2024.

Occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 45-50 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

People should be awared the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightnings, hails,



flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flight. — DMH

Counter-argument to false information

Media accused of fabricating false census claims in Ayeyawady Region

SUBVERSIVE media outlets spread false information that claimed the census in Ayeyawady Region includes questions about military service.

The nationwide census was initially scheduled to take place from 1 to 15 October 2024, but the deadline has been extended to 31 October for those who have not yet been counted. Census enumerators are systematically collecting data through door-to-door visits, using a household questionnaire consisting of 68 questions and an organizational questionnaire with 18 questions. They are not asking any additional questions. According to a relevant official, the public has been cooperating fully by providing accurate and complete information.

Consequently, this news is a deliberate fabrication by malicious media outlets for undermining public support through baseless accusations motivated by jealousy and hatred. — MNA/TRKM



This screenshot validates fake news.



This image captures garments in thrift bags.

BALES of second-hand clothes are selling as well-wishers buy and donate clothes for the flood-affected people,

Thrift clothes in high demand due to donations for flood victims

according to market inquiries.

This October, the sale of second-hand clothes is firm, as are donations of clothes, and organizations come and buy bags of clothes in bulk at the Kyimyindine flea market.

“These clothes sell well this October. There is a lot of interest in this. We are selling many clothes because of donations to flood victims. People buy them in bulk at the Kyimyindine market. Many organizations buy them. The market has various items that are popular with young people and adults. We sell hundreds of thousands in a day, and sales are also up during this month,” said an official from Kyaw Thiha USK Second-Hand Clothes Trading at the Kyimyindine market.

Last June, the sale of thick clothes,

including raincoats, shirts and pants, was brisk at the Kyimyindine market. Despite a decrease in sales early this year, there was a continuous sale of second-hand clothes between December 2023 and January 2024, and there were more people buying thrifted clothes than branded ones in the domestic market, according to the main stores in the market.

Second-hand clothes are called thrift, and some are vintage items. On weekends and holidays, thrift stalls at Yangon’s famous Kyimyindine night market were very crowded and enabling people to buy famous brands such as Adidas, Nike, Burberry, Hugo Boss, Zara, Crocodile, Lacoste, GAP, Vans, and Uniqlo at a lower price is an advantage of thrifted clothes. — Thit Taw/ZN

National Complaint Mechanism (NCM) to deal with forced labour complaints

THE Myanmar government has been dealing with forced labour complaints in cooperation with ILO and relevant ministries since 2007. Since 2020, forced labour complaints have been settled through the National Complaint Mechanism (NCM), which includes representatives of the National Human Rights Commission, employer organizations, employee organizations, and relevant ministries, including the Ministry of Labour.

Nowadays, it is reported that forced labour victims

can safely contact and complain to the Office of the State Administration Council, Region and State governments, the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, the ILO Liaison Office (Yangon) and other organizations or to the Ministry of Labour Office No 51, Nay Pyi Taw, in person or in writing via 067 3430184, 067 3430229, 067 3430274 and directorgeneral.dol@gmail.com, moloffice51@gamil.com, and research.org.dol.mm@gmail.com. — MNA

COVID-19 report, 21 October 2024

NEW TESTS

10,252

NEW CASES

13

CASUALTIES

Nil

NATIONAL

Police arrest man for posing as terrorist to extort money

THE police arrested suspect Kyaw Khine Oo, who asked for money from business people, disguising himself as a terrorist, and his unlawful wife Aye Aye Win, at No 226 in Khatta Street, Moekyopyit village, PyinOoLwin township on 20 October 2024.

Kyaw Khine Oo testified that he had to enter into an ethnic armed group by force while living in Panmauk village of Kyaukme township in April 2014. He ran away from that group in 2016 and lived in Hnaungmeekar village in Pinlaung township by opening a motorcycle maintenance workshop and operating unregistered motorcycles.

Starting from November 2021, he searched the phone numbers of business persons using the Myanmar Business Directory Application and threatened them, saying he was a member of the terrorist group and they might be killed if they informed the military, police, militia and other organizations and asked for money. He threatened and asked for cash amounted to K221.3 million from the businesspeople until 19 October 2024, four from Lashio, one from Hsipaw, five from Muse, two from Namhkam, one from Taunggyi, one from Loikaw, four from PyinOoL-



Kyaw Khine Oo (30).

Aye Aye Win (28).



Seized cash and related items.

win, one from Nawngkhio and eight from Mandalay, totalling 27 businesspeople. He bought a YGN-13 9Q/9165 Soueast vehicle at K40 million and his house at K140 million in Moekyopyit vil-

lage and used all the money by gambling.

The suspect will face legal action under the existing law, and people can participate in the fight against terrorism to arrest sus-

pects as quickly as possible. The public can also secretly report to officials about offenders' hiding places and activities, and whistle-blowers and those who help arrest perpetrators will be covertly rewarded. — MNA/KTZH



Photos of threats made to businesspeople for extortion.



Agreement for purchasing a house.



The offender used extorted money from businesspeople to buy a house.

Illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth over K183 million

EFFORTS to combat illegal trade, overseen by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, are being effectively implemented by the law.

On 15 October, combined enforcement teams seized three unregistered motorbikes valued at K600,000 in Magway and Thayet Districts. They also confiscated a Toyota Harrier worth approximately K50 million, which was carrying 70 gallons of smuggled diesel valued at K840,000, at the junction of Gwaygyo village in Sinbaungwe Township. Additionally, they seized illegal timber weighing a total of 22.574 tonnes, estimated to be worth K2.585 million, in Pyinmana District. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

On 17 and 20 October, combined teams conducted inspec-



tions that resulted in the seizure of 6.53 tonnes of illegal charcoal and 3.87 tonnes of illegal timber valued at K396,445 in Kyonpyaw and Patheingyi Districts. They also confiscated a Nissan Diesel truck worth approximately K80 million, which was carrying three types of consumer goods valued at K28.8 million, without proper documentation on the

Kengtung detour. The action was carried out under the Forest Law



Photos show confiscated illegal items and a lorry.

and Customs procedures. Furthermore, on 21 October,

a combined team from the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated a Hyundai Starex valued at approximately K20 million, which was carrying 0.732 tonne of illegal teak worth K644,160 on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway in Hlegu Township. This action was taken under the Forest Law.

In total, between 15 and 21 October, 11 arrests were made, resulting in the seizure of illegal items worth approximately K183 million. The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee has reported that illegal trade is a significant barrier to the country's economic development and has a profound impact on the socioeconomic sector. Therefore, the committee is committed to intensifying its efforts against illegal trade. — MNA/MKKS

ECONOMY WORLD

China to support listing of innovative SMEs on Beijing Stock Exchange, “new third board”



File photo shows an exterior view of the Beijing Stock Exchange in Beijing, capital of China. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

CHINA will intensify its support for the listing of high-quality innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) on the Beijing Stock Exchange and the “new third board”, a financing platform designed for SMEs.

This initiative is outlined in a strategic cooperation agreement signed by the Beijing Stock Exchange, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT), and the Na-

tional Equities Exchange and Quotations during the Annual Conference of Financial Street Forum 2024 on Sunday.

According to the agreement, the three parties will enhance their coordination and collaborate in areas such as institutional synergy, company cultivation and work coordination to form a cohesive force that promotes the development of these enterprises.

They also aim to assist the

enterprises in effectively utilizing capital market tools like mergers and acquisitions, restructuring, and equity incentives to achieve high-quality development.

So far, China has cultivated about 141,000 innovative SMEs that use specialized, sophisticated technologies to produce novel or unique products, including 14,600 “little giant” firms, according to data from the MIIT. — Xinhua

S Korea’s export falls in 20 days of October

SOUTH Korea’s export fell in single digits in the first 20 days of this month owing to fewer business days, customs office data showed Monday.

Outbound shipment shrank 2.9 per cent from a year earlier to US\$32.77 billion in the October 1-20 period, according to Korea Customs Service.

The downturn was attributed to fewer working days. The daily average export added 1.0 per cent in the 20-day period.

The monthly export maintained an upward trend for the

12th consecutive month through September.

Semiconductor export soared 36.1 per cent to \$7.1 billion in the cited period, but automotive shipment dipped 3.3 per cent to \$3.19 billion.

Shipment for oil products, ships, mobile devices, precision machinery and home appliances slipped in double digits.

Import declined 10.1 per cent to \$33.78 billion in the October 20-day period, sending the trade deficit to \$1.01 billion. — Xinhua

Used smartphone sales to hit record high in Japan amid price hikes



Photo taken in September 2023 in Tokyo shows used smartphones sold by flea market app operator Mercari Inc. **PHOTO: KYODO**

SALES of used smartphones in Japan are expected to hit an all-time high in fiscal 2024, as rising prices of new devices drive consumers towards more affordable options, a Tokyo-based research company said.

Sales of used smartphones are projected to climb 15.5 per cent from the previous year to 3.15 million units, marking a record high for the sixth consecutive year; also lifted by purchases by foreign visitors, MM Research Institute Ltd.

Sales are estimated to further expand in the coming years, possibly hitting 4.38 million units in fiscal 2028, on the back of elevated prices of new devices due to the yen’s depreciation and higher material costs, the research firm said.

Although new smartphone models, including Apple Inc’s latest iPhone released in September, have attracted attention, many consumers seem to find it difficult to loosen their purse strings, said Hideaki Yokota, vice-president of MM Research.

“People are becoming more comfortable with secondhand products, as used smartphones can be utilized without inconvenience,” Yokota said. — Kyodo

Sudan, South Sudan discuss resumption of oil transport

SUDAN and South Sudan on Sunday stressed the need to address the obstacles facing the resumption of South Sudan’s oil exports via the Sudanese territory.

This came after Chairman of Sudan’s Transitional Sovereign Council and General Commander of the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan met on Sunday with South Sudan’s Presidential Advisor on National Security Tut Gatluak in Port Sudan, the capital city of the Red Sea State in eastern Sudan.

“All technical teams in the two countries are ready to in-

crease production and ensure the flow of oil through the Sudanese port of Bashayer,” Gatluak said in a statement, highlighting South Sudan’s readiness to implement what was agreed upon with the Sudanese government.

A meeting between the two countries’ ministries of energy and petroleum is expected in this regard, Gatluak said, noting that “oil is a lifeline for the people of both countries.”

In March, the Sudanese government announced the suspension of South Sudan’s oil exports through Sudanese territories due to a fault in the transportation lines. — Xinhua

IEA opens 1st overseas office in Singapore as Southeast Asian hub

THE International Energy Agency has opened its first overseas office in Singapore to serve as a hub in Southeast Asia, aiming to offer recommendations on energy security policies and guide transitions to cleaner energy, officials said Monday.

“We look forward to working much more closely with all the countries in this dynamic and fast-growing region, whose

influence over global energy trends is markedly increasing,” said Fatih Birol, executive director of the Paris-based agency.

The launch of the IEA Regional Cooperation Centre comes as the IEA sees energy demand in Southeast Asian region likely to grow by more than 60 per cent by 2050, with a continued reliance on fossil fuels. The region is home to the

strategic Strait of Malacca.

“Meeting energy security and emissions goals will require countries in the region to take decisive actions to improve energy efficiency, accelerate renewable power generation and switch to low emissions fuels,” the IEA said in a joint statement with Singapore’s Trade and Industry Ministry and the Energy Market Authority. — Kyodo

Chinese EVs stand out at Paris Motor Show amid increasing competition

THE 2024 Paris Motor Show concluded in Paris on Sunday, with electric vehicle (EV) manufacturers from China, Europe and the United States showcasing their latest models

as competition in the global EV market intensifies. Automakers from these regions displayed their vehicles side by side at the event, offering attendees the chance to com-

pare technologies, pricing, and quality firsthand. "People are ready to fight against climate change and drive EVs, but not at any cost," said Serge Gachot, director of the Par-

is Motor Show, stressing that prices are a major concern. He added that Chinese manufacturers are using innovation to bring down costs, making them formi-

dable competitors globally. Amid ongoing trade tensions and concerns over potential tariffs on imported Chinese EVs, demand for affordable, high-quality EVs has outpaced pro-

tectionist sentiment. Test drives of Chinese models were popular among European attendees, with many praising their advanced features and value for money. — Xinhua

INVITATION FOR BIDS (TENDER NOTICE)

The Embassy of Pakistan in Yangon invites sealed bids from reputable and experienced firms/contractors for the supply, installation, and commissioning of a **prefabricated Modular cabin (20x40 feet) and 2 washrooms (6x6 feet each)** at the Embassy premises.

Scope of Work:

- Installation of a **prefabricated modular cabin (40x20 feet) with two attached washrooms (6x6 feet each)**.
- The structure must meet the specified technical requirements, including insulated walls, roofing, electrical and plumbing systems, and necessary accessories.
- Site preparation, assembly, and installation of the modular units, along with interior finishing.

Eligibility Criteria:

- The bidder must be a registered firm/company with a valid NTN (National Tax Number) and GST registration.
- Proven experience in similar projects, particularly in the construction and installation of prefabricated structures.
- Financial capability to undertake the project and meet timelines.

Submission of Bids:

- Bidding documents, including detailed technical specifications and terms of the contract, can be obtained from the Embassy's administration office during office hours
- Sealed bids, clearly marked "**Bid for Prefabricated Modular Cabin and Washrooms**", must be submitted to the **Embassy of Pakistan** at the address below no later than **11th November 2024 by 1700 hours**.

Opening of Bids:

- Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders or their authorized representatives at the Embassy premises on **12th November 2024** by 1100 hours.

Address for Submission and Contact:

Embassy of Pakistan
No. A4, Pyay Road, Diplomatic Quarters, Dagon Township, Yangon
Phone: 01222881
Email: accttpakembygn@gmail.com

The Embassy reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason, in accordance with the public procurement rules of the Government of Pakistan.

Vietnam's textile, footwear orders full until year end

TEXTILE and footwear enterprises in Vietnam have so far received full orders until the end of this year while some enterprises even have orders for the first quarter of next year, Vietnam News reported Monday.

The situation is in contrast to a lack of export orders a year earlier.

Bach Hong Long, deputy general director of the No 10 Garment Corporation, said his firm was urgently completing orders for 2024.

The corporation also has full orders until the end of February 2025.

He believes that textile orders in Vietnam will increase sharply in 2025. The increase is not due to rising demand in global markets, but due to a shift from one country to another.

Phan Thi Thanh Xuan, deputy chairman and general secretary of the Vietnam Leather, Footwear and Handbag Association, said that orders were currently recovering. Many footwear enterprises have orders through the end of 2024, and some enterprises have orders until the first quarter of 2025.

"The double-digit

growth achieved is quite positive and the footwear industry is likely to reach its target of US\$27 billion in 2024," she said.

According to the Vietnam Textile and Apparel Association, the total export turnover of the Vietnamese textile and garment industry in the first nine months of 2024 exceeded \$32.5 billion, up 9.2 per cent year on year.

Exports for the footwear industry in the nine-month period are estimated at over \$16.5 billion, showed data from the General Statistics Office. — Xinhua

Notice of Name Change

I, Khin Yamone Phoo, also known as Candy Choo, daughter of U Min Thu and Daw Khin San Win, residing in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay, am officially changing my name to Saan Yamone Phoo, effective immediately. Thank you for your understanding.

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (133N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **22-10-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BLPL SHIPPING LINE

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

WHO to evacuate 1,000 Gazan women, children for urgent medical care



This handout photograph taken on 18 February 2024 by the World Health Organization (WHO) shows a convoy of ambulances during a WHO, UN humanitarian agency OCHA and Palestinian Red Crescent mission to evacuate patients from Nasser hospital in Khan Yunis in the southern Gaza Strip, amid ongoing fighting between Israel and the Palestinian militant group Hamas. **PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER BLACK / WHO / AFP**

UP to 1,000 women and children needing medical care will shortly be evacuated from Gaza to Europe, the head of the World Health Organization's Europe branch said in comments published on Monday.

Israel, which is besieging the war-devastated Palestinian territory, "is committed to 1,000 more medical evacuations within the next months to the European Union," Hans Kluge said in an interview with AFP.

He said the evacuations would be facilitated by the WHO — the United Nations' health agency — and the European countries involved.

On Thursday, UN investigators said Israel was deliberately targeting health facilities in Gaza, and killing and torturing medical personnel there, accusing the country of "crimes against humanity".

Rik Peepkorn, WHO representative in the occupied Pal-

estinian territories, said in May that around 10,000 people needed evacuating from Gaza for urgent medical care.

The WHO Europe has already facilitated 600 medical evacuations from Gaza to seven European countries since the latest war began there in October 2023.

"This would never have happened if we did not keep the dialogue (open)," Kluge said.

"The same (is true) for Ukraine," he added. "I keep the dialogue (open) with all partners.

"Now, 15,000 HIV-AIDS patients in Donbas, the occupied territories (of Ukraine), are getting HIV-AIDS medications," the 55-year-old Belgian said in English, stressing the importance of "not politicizing health".

"The most important medicine is peace," he said, noting that healthcare workers had to be allowed to do their jobs in conflict zones. — AFP

BRIEF: WORLD

WHO certifies Egypt as malaria-free

EGYPT was certified as malaria-free on Sunday, with the World Health Organization calling the achievement "truly historic" and the culmination of nearly a century of work to stamp out the disease.

"Malaria is as old as Egyptian civilization itself, but the disease that plagued pharaohs now belongs to its history and not its future," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said in a statement.

"This certification of Egypt as malaria-free is truly historic, and a testament to the commitment of the people and government of Egypt to rid themselves of this ancient scourge."

Globally, 44 countries and one territory have now been certified as malaria-free. Certification is granted by the WHO when a country has proven that the chain of indigenous malaria transmission by Anopheles mosquitoes has been interrupted nationwide for at least the previous three consecutive years. — AFP

Putin to hold bilateral talks with almost all leaders present at BRICS summit - Kremlin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin will hold bilateral meetings with almost all the leaders who will arrive at the BRICS summit, the Kremlin said on Monday.

"The Russian President will hold bilateral meetings with almost all the leaders participating in the summit," the statement said.

The BRICS leaders will focus on the possible expansion of association at the summit, the statement said. — Sputnik

Moldova holds presidential election, EU membership referendum



Moldovan citizens living in Romania line up to cast votes outside a polling station in Bucharest, Romania, 20 October 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

MOLDOVAN voters went to the polls Sunday for the country's presidential election and a referendum on joining the European Union (EU).

The Central Electoral Commission (CEC) of Moldova said on Sunday in a

press release that 2,219 polling stations are open to an estimated 3.3 million voters from 7 am (0400 GMT) until 9 pm local time (1800 GMT).

The polls will be monitored by 2,061 observers, including 1,277 national observers and 784 internation-

al observers, according to the CEC.

Under the country's constitution, a candidate must win an absolute majority to be elected as president; otherwise, the two candidates with the most votes proceed to a runoff. Besides choosing a president, voters will also vote in a referendum on whether the goal of joining the EU should be enshrined in the country's constitution.

"Our vote in the referendum will determine our fate for many decades to come," said Maia Sandu, the incumbent Moldovan president seeking a second term in office.

Since her election in 2020, Sandu has steered Moldova towards greater alignment with the EU. She led the country to achieve EU candidate country status in 2022. In June 2024, formal accession negotiations were launched. —Xinhua

SPORTS

Myanmar women's futsal team to join ASEAN women's futsal championship

THE ASEAN Women's Futsal Championship 2024 will feature five teams, including Myanmar.

The championship will run from 16 to 21 November in the Philippines, featuring teams from Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and host the Philippines. The competition will follow a round-robin format, where all teams face each other in the

group stage. After the group matches, the teams standing first and second place will play in the final game, and the third- and fourth-placed teams will play for third place.

According to the schedule, the Myanmar team will play against the Philippines team on 16 November, the Vietnamese team on 17 November, the Thai team on 18 November and the Indonesian team on 19

November as group matches. The third-place game and the final will be held on 21 November.

The Myanmar women's futsal team has been currently under training in preparation for this Futsal Championship since 30 September, with a preliminary squad of 26 players. Head coach U Htay Myint is overseeing the team's preparations. — Ko Nyi Lay/TTN



Players of Myanmar women's futsal team is under training.

Barca thrash Sevilla on perfect night ahead of big week



Lamine Yamal (L) of FC Barcelona vies with Marcao of Sevilla FC during the La Liga football match between FC Barcelona and Sevilla FC in Barcelona, Spain, on 20 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

FC Barcelona will go into next week's 'Clasico' away to Real Madrid with a three-point lead at the top of La Liga after a 5-1 win at home to Sevilla on Sunday night.

A perfect night for Barcelona saw Robert Lewandowski score twice before halftime, while Pedri also netted to put the game beyond Sevilla's reach very early on.

Barca coach Hansi Flick was then able to rotate his side in the second half, giving minutes to youngsters ahead of a week that will see his side play massive games against Bayern Munich and Real Madrid.

After an even opening to the game, where Sevilla had looked to cause Barca's advanced defensive line problems on the break, Lewandowski put Barcelona ahead from the penalty spot.

Raphinha had found space

in the Sevilla area, and Peque brought him down with a clumsy challenge as he looked to close him down, with Lewandowski then sending Sevilla goalkeeper Orlan Nyland the wrong way from the spot.

That goal saw Barca take command, and Pedri doubled Barca's lead in the 28th minute with a powerful shot into the corner of the net after a pullback from Lamine Yamal.

Lewandowski then reacted smartly to deflect Raphinha's shot into the Sevilla net to make it 3-0 six minutes before halftime.

Yamal saw a shot saved, and Raphinha had a goal ruled out for a tight offside in the opening minutes of the second half, but it felt as if Hansi Flick was content to run down the clock ahead of a key week for his side. — Xinhua

Jones keeps Liverpool top as Man City take controversial late win in Premier League

LIVERPOOL beat Chelsea 2-1 on Sunday to remain top of the Premier League, with a one-point advantage over Manchester City and four over Arsenal and Aston Villa thanks to a man-of-the-match display from midfielder Curtis Jones.

On a day when Liverpool struggled to put a string of passes together against a lively Chelsea side, Jones won the first-half penalty that allowed Mohamed Salah to open the scoring from the penalty spot.

Nicolas Jackson equalized for Chelsea in the 48th minute, but three minutes later Jones scored what turned out to be

the winning goal, as he timed his run perfectly to clip in Salah's cross at the far post.

Chelsea looked for a second equalizer, but Liverpool defended well and rode their luck to take the win.

John Stones scored a controversial 95th-minute goal as Manchester City came back from a goal down away to Wolverhampton Wanderers to win 2-1.

Wolves protested strongly against the goal, as City midfielder Bernardo Silva who was clearly in an offside position, affected goalkeeper Jose Sa's ability to save the defender's

header.

Wolves had taken an early lead in the game thanks to Jorgen Strand Larsen's excellent finish and despite being bottom of the table they looked solid in defence until Josko Gvardiol curled in the equalizer.

Wolves defended well in the second half and were good value for a point until the controversial late goal.

Arsenal slipped up on Saturday when they were beaten 2-0 away to Bournemouth in a game affected by William Saliba's red card for a professional foul after 30 minutes. — Xinhua



Liverpool's Alexis Mac Allister (C) is challenged by Chelsea's Cole Palmer (R) during the English Premier League match between Liverpool and Chelsea in Liverpool, Britain, on 20 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA



COOPERATION between Russia and the UAE in the international arena is important for global issues, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday.

“Our interaction is very important not only for regional affairs, but also for global issues. We actively interact in international organizations ... as well as at such large international universal platforms as the United Nations,” Putin said during negotiations with UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

The Russian president also said that he and his counterpart from the UAE managed to discuss all the “sensitive issues” in the two states’ cooperation during their informal meeting on Sunday.

The UAE will continue to assist Russia and Ukraine in exchanging prisoners and is ready to make additional efforts to resolve the crisis situations, UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan said on Monday.

The UAE is ready to make

Cooperation between Russia, UAE in international arena important for global issues – Putin



Russian President Vladimir Putin and United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan arrive for a meeting at the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

efforts to further increase trade with Russia, which has exceeded \$11 billion in 2023, Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan said.

The leader added that in 2018, the trade between the countries, with the exception of the oil sector, amounted to \$2.5 billion, and in 2023 this figure exceeded \$11 billion.

“For our part, we are ready to make every effort to achieve even higher indicators,” the president said.

The UAE president arrived in Moscow the day before. On Sunday evening, two leaders had an informal meeting at the Russian president’s residence in Novo-Ogaryovo, Moscow Region. Putin and Al Nahyan discussed the development of bilateral trade relations, and Russian president pointed out the growth of tourist exchange between the two states. The leaders also talked about regional problems, namely the conflict in Ukraine and the situation in the Middle East. — SPUTNIK

US envoy says UN resolution basis for Lebanon ceasefire but ‘not enough’



Lebanon’s caretaker Prime Minister Najib Mikati meets US special envoy Amos Hochstein in Beirut on 21 October 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

VISITING US envoy Amos Hochstein said Monday the basis of a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah was a 2006 United Nations resolution but that it would require full implementation.

United Nations Security Council Resolution 1701 states that only the Lebanese army and UN peacekeepers should be deployed in southern Lebanon, while demanding the

withdrawal of Israeli forces from Lebanese territory.

Attention has focused on the resolution during the latest Israel-Hezbollah war that erupted last month after nearly a year of cross-border fire.

“The commitment that we have is to resolve this conflict based on (UN Resolution) 1701 — that is what the solution is going to have to look like,” Hochstein said on his first visit

to Beirut since the war started.

Resolution “1701 was successful at ending the war in 2006 but we must be honest that no one did anything to implement it,” he added, saying: “Both sides simply committing to 1701 is just not enough.”

“We have to put things in place that would allow for confidence that it will be implemented for everyone,” he told a press conference after meeting Lebanon’s Hezbollah-allied speaker of parliament Nabih Berri.

“We have to know this is not just going to another round of conflict in a month or a year or two years,” he said.

The US envoy was last in Beirut in August, after months of shuttle diplomacy between Lebanon and Israel with the aim of averting a full-blown conflict.

On Monday, he met Berri, while Arab League Secretary-General Ahmed Aboul Gheit also visited the speaker’s Beirut residence as part of a one-day trip. — AFP

Colombia confers with India on plans to join BRICS

COLOMBIA has held discussions with India regarding its aspiration to join BRICS, Colombian Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Jorge Enrique Rojas Rodriguez has said.

“We came to India to have a discussion and to know the opinion of India. We are also in touch with South Africa and Brazil, and we feel this will give a boost to global south ties,” Rojas Rodriguez said in an interview with Indian broadcaster WION, published on Saturday.

In April, Colombian President Gustavo Petro and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said in a joint statement that Colombia was interested in joining BRICS as a full member as soon as possible, and that the government of Brazil would assist the Latin American country in promoting its candidacy.

This Tuesday, however, the Colombian Embassy in Moscow told Sputnik that the country was not planning to send a delegation to the BRICS summit in Russia next week, as Petro

had not been invited to attend.

BRICS is an intergovernmental association created in 2006. Russia assumed the rotating presidency of the bloc on 1 January 2024.

The year began with the accession of new members to the association. In addition to Russia, Brazil, India, China and South Africa, it now includes Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia, according to the website of the Russian 2024 BRICS Chairmanship. Media reports said that Saudi Arabia has not formalized its participation yet but has been taking part in BRICS meetings.

The annual top-level BRICS summit will be held in the city of Kazan in Russia’s Republic of Tatarstan from 22-24 October. Tatar Deputy Prime Minister Shamil Gafarov said on Monday that more than 30 countries and six international organizations, including the United Nations, had confirmed their participation in the event. — SPUTNIK